

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 180

BY SENATOR NEVERS

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY. Provides for the La. School Choice Accountability Act. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend the title of Chapter 43 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and to enact Part III of Chapter 43 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:4035 and 4035.1, relative to school choice and school and educator accountability; to provide relative to participation of certain nonpublic schools in the state school and district accountability system; to provide with respect to the certification and evaluation of teachers and administrators employed in certain nonpublic schools; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The title of Chapter 43 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, is hereby amended and reenacted and Part III of Chapter 43 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:4035 and 4035.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 43. SCHOOL CHOICE ~~SCHOLARSHIPS~~

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**PART III. SCHOOL CHOICE ACCOUNTABILITY**

**§4035. Short title**

**This Part shall be known and may be cited as the "Louisiana School Choice Accountability Act".**

**§4035.1. Nonpublic schools; participation in school and district accountability system; teacher and administrator certification and evaluation**

**A. Each nonpublic elementary and secondary school with an enrollment of fifty or more students and which receives any state funds shall be required to participate in the Louisiana School and District Accountability System developed pursuant to R.S. 17:10.1 in the same manner and to the same extent as public elementary and secondary schools.**

**B. Each teacher and administrator employed in a nonpublic elementary and secondary school with an enrollment of fifty or more students and which receives any state funds shall be required to meet the same certification requirements and standards established for teachers and administrators in public elementary and secondary schools and shall be evaluated on an annual basis in the same manner established for teachers and administrators employed in public elementary and secondary schools pursuant to R.S. 17:3881 through 3905.**

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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#### DIGEST

Proposed law changes the title of Ch. 43 of Title 17 of the La. Revised Statutes from "School Choice Scholarships" to "School Choice".

Proposed law requires each nonpublic elementary and secondary school with an enrollment of 50 or more students and which receives state funds to participate in the La. School and District Accountability System in the same manner and to the same extent as public elementary and secondary schools.

Proposed law provides that each teacher and administrator employed in a nonpublic elementary and secondary school with an enrollment of 50 or more students and which receives state funds must meet the same certification requirements and standards established for teachers and administrators in public schools and must be evaluated on an annual basis in the same manner established for teachers and administrators employed in public elementary and secondary schools.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Ch. 43 of Title 17 (title); adds R.S. 4305 and 4305.1)